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APPLICATION FILE.

It is believed that this amendment will place the application in condition for allowance. If necessary, applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 344-4422.

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AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action directed to the above named application mailed on November 24, 2004, please amend the specification and claims of the application as discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.